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Record Exports Of Coal Predicted

London, Jan. 10.—Britain is confident that her coal exports during 1949 will beat all post-war records and substantially exceed last year's figure of 16,100,000 tons, the Chairman of the National Coal Board, Lord Hyndley, told newspaper reporters in London today.

Lord Hyndley said that while the Coal Board doubted whether the 23,000,000 tons export target set in the European Economic Recovery Programme would be achieved on the basis of the miners' present performance, every effort to reach it would be made.

Prices are not likely to change much from those now in force. The industry believes it can sell abroad, without any difficulty, all the large coal (for bunkering), gas coal and coke that it can produce.

PERSONAL TARGET

Lord Hyndley gave his own personal target for 1949—production of deep-mined coal as 210,000,000 to 215,000,000 tons "or more."

This figure has not yet had the approval of the full Board, he said, but technical advisers are understood to consider it practicable.

Lord Hyndley, voicing disappointment at the failure to reach last year's 200,000,000 tons target (output was 196,000,000 tons), asserted that concentration on improving the quality had cut the quantity, and robbed the miners of full achievement.

During last year the industry produced well over 700,000 tons as a result of overtime working, but tonnage lost by unofficial stoppages was 300,000 tons.

The National Coal Board hopes to increase the number of men in the mines, but the 1949 programme aims at an overall increase of only 10,000 men.

The output employed at the collieries is now about 250,000 and by next December should be about 311,000 men.—Reuter.

Stronger Beer For Germans

Hamburg, Jan. 10.—Germans are to be allowed to have stronger beer, provided the farmers deliver enough barley. The military government has allowed an increase from 0.5 percent alcoholic content to 2.5 to three percent. It is conditional on certain delivery quotas being fulfilled.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Hint To Mao Tze-Tung

GENERALISSIMO Chiang Kai-shek's New Year "peace offer" to the Communists has so far not elicited an official reply. This is hardly surprising for even the most optimistic Nationalist must realize that the President has left it rather late to try and bargain with the victorious Reds. The rumours that Chiang is about to resign continue, but so far there has been nothing concrete to indicate that the Nanking Government is preparing to hand over to the Communists. Most correspondents agree, however, that it is only a matter of time. There are rumours of a split in the ranks of the Red leaders, but it would be unwise to count on this with the information available at present, and a Red government in China still seems reasonably certain. The question uppermost in the minds of British and American businessmen thus remains "How much trade will the Communists carry on with the West?" In this connection the recent trade pacts signed by Russia with European countries are more than usually interesting. Under these pacts Russia increases her foreign trade considerably. The two largest agreements have been with Czechoslovakia and Italy. In addition, Russia has ordered electrical machinery worth \$3,500,000 in Britain, and has made trade agreements with Norway and Finland. Soviet trade with Czechoslovakia will be stepped up this year by half as much again as last year's total. Soviet raw cotton will be exchanged for manufactured Czechoslovakian textiles to the value of \$22,500,000, and Russia will lend the Czechs gold and foreign currency for purchases from the West. With Italy, too, Russia proposes to

exchange far more goods than in the past. Before World War II Russia traded little with the outside world, preferring to rely on her own Five-Year Plans. The new pacts illustrate evolution in Soviet policy. By enlarging her planned trading area Russia is making available large new resources for the production of goods which she directly needs. Admittedly, most of the pacts have been negotiated with countries under Communist influence, and many in that respect be regarded as a form of Marshall aid. But the impression remains that Russia is at last beginning to realize that foreign trade can considerably assist her plans for internal rebuilding. Western businessmen with interests in China may justifiably hope that the new pacts will remove Communist prejudice against trade with the capitalist countries, and be an example to Chinese Communists. If, and when, Mao Tze-tung sets up a Government for the whole of China, he will be faced with problems similar to those which faced Russia after the defeat of Germany. Large areas of the country have been laid waste by war, and there must be rapid industrialization and agricultural development on a large scale if China is to regain economic stability. Considerable quantities of machinery and raw materials will be needed, and whether he likes it or not Mao Tze-tung will have to get them from outside China. Some of them, possibly, will be available from Russia, but the pacts Russia is making with other countries prove that she cannot undertake to provide a Communist China with all her needs. Trade with the West seems to be Mao's only alternative; and Russia's agreements in Europe should provide the necessary precedent.

HEAVY TIENTSIN FIGHTING

Reds Attacking In Masses

HSUCHOW FORCE "WIPED OUT"

Peiping, Jan. 11.—Heavy fighting around Tientsin was reported today, the North China Headquarters of General Fu Tso-yi said. Last night one Red column of 15,000 men in full strength attacked the northeastern and northwestern outskirts of Tientsin. Fierce clashes with much hand-to-hand fighting lasted until midnight.

The Nationalist said they counter-attacked the Reds and the latter retreated.

Headquarters claimed 7,000 Reds were killed which few believe.

Later the Reds again attacked the western and southern outskirts of Tientsin. Heavy fighting was still in progress with the Reds reported throwing all their strength available into the fight.

Headquarters claimed that Nationalist war planes attacked the Reds around Tientsin and at other points near Hsueh yesterday, killing altogether about 1,700 but they did not say how they counted them.

Clashes were reported at points about 10 miles east and north of Tientsin in Shanai.

The Nationalists claimed they repulsed 400 Reds in a four hour clash yesterday in the southwestern suburbs of Peiping. They said the Reds left 37 dead on the field.

The Reds around Tientsin are bringing up reinforcements and more serious fighting is expected. Clashes are still reported to be in progress north of Tientsin and at the east station on the western side of the city. The Reds also were reported to be attacking periodically points near the Nationalist Nankai University which seems to be a non-military land. The city's east arsenal is reported to be still in Red hands. Three cotton mills and several other factories have suspended operations.—Associated Press.

PLANES DROP RIFLES

Tientsin, Jan. 11.—Two Nationalist C-47s spent 80 minutes over Tientsin yesterday dropping willow baskets containing rifles and artillery supplies for the defending garrison.

Some of the supplies fell on the roofs of buildings surrounding the Miyun sports ground, and at least one crashed close through the roof without claiming casualties.

This besieged city was given a respite yesterday afternoon when quiet reigned but as the curfew hour approached, the gun barrage began again.

Chinese press reports said further severe fighting could be expected in the western suburbs of Tientsin, where the Communists drove sheep in the dead of the night to trample over the landmines guarding the approaches of the dam.

While the Nationalist soldiers enjoyed an unexpected feast on munition, observers viewed this development with apprehension. For one thing, it immediately provoked the Nationalist Command to order the demolition of buildings beside the western dam to make way for a new defence line.

CATTLE IN CLUB

In the American Legion Club, 15 head of cattle were today housed in the billiard room. The billiard tables were removed to meet the emergency when the American Legion veterinary, Dr. Roy Hoeh, was obliged to evacuate his farm on the road to the former French east arsenal, which had already been lost to the Reds.

Dr. Hoeh brought in seven milk cows, seven calves and one bull, complete with fodder for the winter months and registered them as the first "animal members" of the Club.

From the billiard room, he continues to supply customers with milk daily without interruption. The City Fathers last night expressed worry over the failure to dispose of night soil in the western native city when collection ceased owing to the impossibility of access to normal disposal places.—Reuter.

COMMUNIST CLAIMS

San Francisco, Jan. 10.—The Chinese Communist radio said today that all government troops encircled south of Hsuehchow "were completely wiped out by 10 o'clock on Monday morning."

Last reports from Nationalist sources estimated the troops under General Tu Li-ming numbered be-

tween 150,000 and 250,000 men. Latest Red estimate had cut the size of the force down to 130,000.

The Communist radio said the big battle to end the long and costly Hsuehchow struggle began on January 6. Among units it said were wiped out completely were the Kuomintang Second Army Group, the 13th Army Group and the 10th Army Group.

At one time 1,000,000 combatants were allegedly engaged in the Hsuehchow struggle.—Associated Press.

ARMY SPLITS UP

Nanking, Jan. 10.—The remnants of the Hsuehchow garrison, under incessant Communist artillery attacks, have split into two groups, unofficial Nationalist military sources admitted here tonight.

Because of bad weather conditions today, the dropping of supplies to the beleaguered Nationalists was suspended. The two groups were reported to have practically exhausted their ammunition reserves. The groups were commanded by General Chin Ching-chen and General Li Mi.

Another unofficial report from Hsuehchow Province said the Nationalist forces had blown river dykes in the Yumeng and Anlu area, northwest of Hankow, to halt the advancing Reds.

General Chiang Chun, one of the Inner Cabinet Ministers, returned to Nanking today from his visit to Hankow and the Western Provinces.

The opinion of the generals in Central China were the same as those in the Nationalist Government, in General Chang told newsmen.—Reuter.

NO MORE SUPPLIES

Shanghai, Jan. 11.—All China's civil airlines ceased the dropping of food and military supplies to General Tu Yu-ming's forces, where the Communists drove sheep in the dead of the night to trample over the landmines guarding the approaches of the dam.

Blazing fires and shell bursts were said to be dotting the whole encampment of the Nationalist forces.

Airliners which flew out of Nanking with supplies for General Tu's besieged forces returned to their bases around noon without unloading any direction officers with General Tu's command had instructed the airliners to refrain from dropping supplies in view of the confusion and danger resulting from the heavy Communist shelling.

Earlier reports indicated the Communist activity was stepping up its barrage and compressing the pocket in which the Nationalist troops had been holding out for nearly five weeks.

During this period, an estimated 26 commercial planes from three airlines have been dropping supplies and provisions to the beleaguered Nationalists.—Reuter.

REDS' PEACE TERMS

Shanghai, Jan. 10.—A local Chinese evening newspaper tonight, quoting unconfirmed reports from Nanking, said the Communist reply to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's New Year peace offer contained five general terms:

- 1.—Re-election of the President and Vice-President.
- 2.—A revision of the Constitution.
- 3.—Re-demarcation of defence areas.
- 4.—Liquidation of war criminals.
- 5.—The organization of the Government with the seats of the State Councilors to be divided equally among the Kuomintang, the Communists and the minority parties.—Reuter.

EUROPEAN FOUND DEAD IN BED BY HOUSEBOY

Mr E. D. Stansfeld, Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys, who recently retired from Government service owing to ill health was found dead in his bed by his house boy at 8.30 this morning. He lived in a flat on the top floor of 74, MacDonnell Road.

Mr Stansfeld was born on February 4, 1899. He was appointed to a Government post in Jamaica on June 21, 1929, and became Director of Surveys. He left that Colony to join the Hongkong Government in September, 1947.

He began his service in the Government in Northern Rhodesia.

Mr Stansfeld's wife and daughter, Diana, left for home in the P. & O. Carthage on November 24 last. It was Mrs Stansfeld's intention to put her daughter in school and return to Hongkong in February.

In the meantime, her husband was obliged to retire from his post as Superintendent of Crown Land and Surveys owing to ill health. He was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital on December 11 and remained in hospital over Christmas.

ANGLO-ISRAELI DISPUTE LATEST

Mediterranean Fleet Put Into A "State Of Readiness"

London, Jan. 10.—The highest British military chiefs were called in to consult Cabinet leaders on the Palestine situation today and it was made known the powerful Mediterranean fleet had been put in a "state of readiness," but there were indications that, due partly to the mediation of the United States, the critical situation caused by the shooting down of five British planes by the Jews might soon be put into routine diplomatic channels.

Both the Jews and the Egyptians prepared to start armistice negotiations on the island of Rhodes this week under the supervision of the United Nations Palestine mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche.

Dr. Bunche in turn hopes these negotiations in time may lead to a general Palestine settlement between the Jews and all Arab nations.

Britain proceeded with a show of strength in the Mediterranean as a result of the shooting down of her planes. Cairo reported that British naval strength at the Red Sea Transjordan port of Aqaba had been considerably increased. Cyprus reported that additional warships were expected there soon.

MESSAGES EXCHANGED

The Foreign Office disclosed that Britain was in constant touch with the United States on the situation and several messages had been exchanged.

A United Press dispatch from Cairo said the first group of defence chiefs, a Foreign Office spokesman said, Britain was considering a variety of courses of action and indicated a decision might be made within two days. Other sources hinted that Britain intended to take her own decision and decide her own action on the plane question, because she did not regard it as within the general Palestine problem on which joint American-British policy is sought. It was intimated also, however, that Britain would try not to damage present co-operation and would form the United States of any action taken.

In Tel-Aviv, the Jews rejected the third British attempt to deliver a protest against the shooting down of the planes because the British message still referred to the "Jewish authorities" instead of the provisional Israeli Government. Tel-Aviv also charged that, by its attitude over the shooting, Britain was trying to "torpedo" the armistice talks.—United Press.

TALK TO AVERT CRISIS

Lake Success, Jan. 10.—The United Nations Secretary General, Mr Trygve Lie, today conferred privately with Great Britain's United Nations delegate, Sir Torrence Shorne, in an effort to avert a new crisis between Britain and Israel. Mr Lie held an extraordinary meeting last night with Mr Arthur Lourie and Mr Gideon Rafael of the Jewish mission to the United Nations, presumably with the same objective.

Neither the British nor the Jews appeared ready to file formal charges today. There were no signs of a

Indonesia Situation

Republicans Attack At Jogjakarta

CORRESPONDENT'S STORY

Batavia, Jan. 10.—An American correspondent who said he was held by the Dutch under house arrest for 26 hours in Jogjakarta reported that Republican troops opened a heavy counter-attack on their former capital at 1 o'clock last night.

George Kahen, correspondent for the Overseas News Agency, said the attack was accompanied by mortar and rifle fire and heavy explosions which temporarily knocked out the power system. He said the blast shook his hotel in the downtown business district.

Forty-five minutes after the attack started from the South, with a diversionary thrust from the Northwest, street fighting was going on in front of the hotel on Marliobro Boulevard.

Kahen said he had been given Dutch travel orders to spend a week in Jogjakarta. After four and a half days, he said, the Dutch authorities arrested him in Hotel Mordecai and released him today. Dutch intelligence officers who arrested Kahen said they acted on the orders of the "Chief of Staff in Batavia." They allowed him to cable the United States Consulate in Batavia, but he said the Consulate did not receive his message.

SECOND ASSAULT

The correspondent said last night's assault was the second Republican counter-attack since the Dutch captured the capital. The first, he added, was on December 21.

Kahen said the Dutch threw reinforcements and tanks into the battle. "I could hear tanks rumble in front of the hotel during the night," he said fighting continued until 2 a.m., when "complete silence" reigned, except for occasional shots.

He said that during the counter-attack the Indonesians set the former Republic delegation headquarters afire, but the Dutch succeeded in putting the fire under control. He said the Dutch had been using the building for distribution of food and textiles.

Kahen reported that the situation was tense. The Dutch were giving ration tickets to Indonesians who cooperated and worked with the Dutch. One Dutch official admitted that only 21 tons of rice were being brought in by the Dutch while the city required 80 tons daily.

Farmers in outlying districts were bringing in less than 50 percent of food requirements. Only 150 of 10,000 Republican civil servants in the Jogjakarta district have reported for work under the Dutch.—United Press.

BRITON KILLED

Batavia, Jan. 10.—The British manager of a rubber plantation about 30 miles east of Malang, in East Java, was killed in an attack on his estate by guerrillas on January 5, it was learned today.

He was Mr Ronald MacPherson, aged 56. Three Dutch assistants on the estate escaped with their lives. Usually reliable sources report "intense" guerrilla warfare around Tasikmalaya, about 115 miles south-east of Batavia, and Soekaboemi, about 48 miles north of Batavia.

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New Regulations Permit Mass Arrests In Malaya

Singapore, Jan. 11.—Mass arrests of all inhabitants of certain areas are authorised in stringent emergency regulations published by the government yesterday.

The new laws are aimed at persons aiding Communist insurgents in Malaya, most of whom are said to be Chinese. The government said that in certain areas the inhabitants have been acting as spies and sentries for Communist bands and have been furnishing supplies. In addition, it was charged, some of the people themselves are "part time bandits."

British and Malayan forces have been combatting Communist insurgents since the Red revolt began in the Federation of Malaya last June. More than 500 insurgents have been killed or captured in fighting since then, and more than 4,000 persons suspected of being Communists are jailed.

The Communists have caused considerable damage to rubber plantations in the Federation. A British destroyer recently shelled the insurgent forces on the west coast and landed an attacking force.

A total of 409 insurgents were killed and 208 captured (62 of them wounded) during the last six months of 1948 in the Federation of Malaya. Combined police, service and civilian casualties were 302 killed and 304 wounded. These are official figures for the period June 10, 1948, when a state of emergency was declared, to the end of the year.

Civilian casualties were 330 killed and 104 injured, of whom more than two-thirds were Chinese. Twenty-four Europeans were killed and 14 wounded. Army casualties were 62 killed and 85 injured. The RAF lost 10 men, crew members of three planes which crashed during operations. The figures for insurgent casualties include only bodies actually seen or recovered. Estimates of those wounded in engagements were not included.—Associated Press.

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WOMANSENSE

The Modern Teen-Ager In Australia

By ANNE ELLIOTT HIRSCHFELD

ADOLESCENCE, once regarded as a misfit between the child and the adult, a gap filled by a sense of belonging to neither one group nor the other, has blossomed out in Australia to an active, vital person—the teen-ager.

A product of the war years, he is a definite person with a special place in the community. His desires are catered for if not pandered to, and his ideas respected.

Newspapers and magazines have traced the birth and growth of this new section of the community. Columns are filled with news for and about him. Fads and fashions for the teenage girl appear daily in the advertisements.

Some criticise the publicity, but it has made the Australian boy and girl aware of themselves as members of a community, citizens of a country. They are no longer part of the background; in fact, they play a leading part under the spotlight in the every day scene. If a few heads have become swollen in the process, they will soon deflate under adult pressure. The publicity newspapers have made them a more grown-up, thinking, acting body than they otherwise would have been.

His Easy Manners

May I introduce an average Australian teen-age girl and boy? Notice how they walk towards you, confidently sure of themselves, their long, loose limbs moving easily. See how healthy and alive they appear. As they smile, you see their readiness to befriend you, their lack of shyness—but you (if you are English) perhaps feel they are not as respectful as they should be. As they sit down, you smile as you see the way they make themselves comfy and at home, not bothering about formality or sitting with a straight back.

They are not impressed by grandeur, are natural and honest. They talk about those things they understand and carefully steer the conversation away from cultural activities and towards sport. Their

speaking voices are not as pure as they could be, their language not strictly in accordance with the grammar book, but it is colourful and expressive.

You are amazed to find these youngsters are only sixteen. Their natural ease, independence of outlook lead you to believe they are older. Australians grow up very quickly. The teen-ager is far older than her counterpart in other countries. Australia is still a young country. The days of pioneering are not far behind and the independent spirit, not bound down by tradition and formality, lives on.

Not Just A Shadow

Children are not sheltered at home. Their parents do not keep them young by confining them to the nursery. From the very first, they rub shoulders with adults and are taught to speak and act in an adult way. The "old not heard" does not apply. Children and teen-agers are not kept apart but mixed in the adult world learning to be a proper part of it, not just a shadow, a mother's darling, a poor imitation of their father.

They leave school at an earlier age. It is not uncommon to find teen-agers of fourteen and fifteen entirely independent earning their own living—particularly today when the demand for young workers has never been greater. This has resulted from the sharp drop in the birth rate during the depression years of the early thirties.

Resourceful, enthusiastic, the teen-ager can get along well in the business world. He is not shy of expressing his own opinion and often brings sound new ideas into his job.

"Brawn And No Brains"

His healthy, good looking appearance is due to the outdoor life

he leads. Australian teen-agers are wrapped up in sport.

Although more than three-quarters of the teen-age population live in big cities, they spend a great deal of their time at the seaside or playing some sport. Along the east coast, particularly in New South Wales and Queensland, are some of the best surfing beaches in the world. It is here that one finds the tanned, vitally active teen-ager. Life is either surfing, swimming, sunning or rushing about the beach—but whatever he does he does it healthily, high spirits and health. Tennis, riding, sailing, football, basketball, hockey, cricket, rowing, all claim thousands of teen-age admirers. They are either playing or talking about some sport. Often their lives revolve round it, and some people are afraid Australia's youth is becoming so sport-minded that it will become eventually the petrification of "brawn and no brains."

There is a lack of club activity in fact of youth clubs. This is because there are few real slums in Australia. There are no frightfully overcrowded areas and thus children grow up in decent homes with plenty of room to play in. They have no real need of clubs to supply a playground or companionship. There are plenty of parks, open air playgrounds and swimming pools without bothering about clubs.

However, various political, social and welfare organisations have formed younger sets. Their membership are made up of teen-agers. They carry on their own business, run their own meetings, discussion groups and social engagements to raise funds. The success of these younger sets and their growing popularity prove that the teen-ager is capable, self-reliant and above all, a good organiser with a fine team spirit.

(To be Continued Tomorrow)

Taffeta With a Gleam



By PRUNELLA WOOD

CARRIE MUNN so often takes the dancing step into her after-dark fashions, even if they are not the most formal frocks in the collection. Reason is sound, as Mrs. Munn, if she would run, could certainly be New York's Miss South American. Way from 1940 until the millenium if she cared to.

This ankle-length frock of black taffeta is a model in case . . . a simple and unobtrusive design with a close neck, flared sleeves, wide skirt and neat waistline.

The high style gleam comes to it by way of black lace inserts at cuffs, bodice and skirt edge, underlaid with shot taffeta, mostly copper in tone.

What to Do for Oily Hair



Singer Eleanor Knapp demonstrates a good brushing technique for those with oily hair.

By HELEN FOLLETT

AMONG the girls who stand at beauty's waiting wall, not one will lament as loudly as the girl with oily hair. Every shaft sticking to its neighbour! Ringlets going stringy in no time. The white crown, which is anything but glorious, looks as if it had just been landed.

First step: change the shampoo agent. Keep on changing until you find the right one, one that can be thoroughly rinsed away. It often happens that it isn't sebaceous oil sent out by the scalp that is responsible for the wretched condition, but an accumulation of soap scum. It is not easy to make a thorough job of shampooing. It takes time, a strong current of water and plenty of friction. If you fancy you can rub a bar of soap over your head, stand under the shower for a few minutes, and get your hair shining clean, you are sadly mistaken.

On cosmetic counters are many shampoo offerings, more than we have ever seen before; oils, creams,

soaps, even dry shampoo mediums. But no matter what one uses, the technique must be correct. A good brushing should precede the lathering, a friction should follow. And brush your hair regularly every night, too.

When the hair is oily, the skin is likely to carry a shine. The sensible thing then is to regulate the diet so that the sebaceous glands will be less active.

Cut down on foods containing fat in any form. That means that the "ollies" must close their eyes when the pastries are passed. Rye toast is preferred to buttered bread. Coffee and tea should be taken without cream. Bacon is permitted if it is crisp. Pork is taboo.

Drink several glasses of water a day. Take orange or tomato juice for their vitamin content, green vegetables for the mineral salts they contain.

More and more it is proven that diet has much to do with looks—good or not so good.



Budget Foods Are Popular

THE little lady who proved the point that budget foods are popular is a well-known public relations executive, scarcely five feet tall, cute as a robin, with a quick mind, and a will of her own. We were talking about the subject now uppermost in conversation, the high cost of eating, especially in restaurants.

"Shucks," she said, "People talk about the high cost of steaks, chops and roasts! When I ran my restaurant in Michigan, people used to come from miles around for my buttered onions."

"Didn't you serve any meat?" I asked.

Swiss Steak

"Yes, I made a specialty of Swiss steak, but they were equally fond of my baked lima beans. You see, this was a small, summer-time restaurant, and all I had to cook on were a couple of three-burner oil stoves. I couldn't have any broiled meats, so I specialised in Swiss steak. And as Boston baked beans took too long to cook, I used limas that bake in two hours. Onions were plentiful and cheap, and easy to prepare, so I made a specialty out of them. I did the best I could with the limited materials and equipment I had."

"But how did you happen to take over this restaurant?" I asked.

"I was convalescing after a siege of illness. I needed to get into the country, have a change of scene, and the stimulus of both physical and creative work. So, I took mother by the hand, and together we ran this restaurant for the summer. Mother looked after the dining-room and I did the cooking. You know, I really like to cook," she added with a bright smile. "But I didn't dream we'd have so many customers."

"What desserts did you serve?" I asked.

"I didn't have a big variety," she answered, "but there were two that were very popular. One was apple sauce in a mode—big dishes of home-made apple sauce—I didn't sift it—served ice cold with a half scoop of vanilla ice cream on top. And how they went for it!"

Cherry Tarts

"But the star of the show was cherry tarts. You see, being in Michigan, I made use of cherries—the famous local fruit. I started by making just a few tarts, but by the end of the season we were serving literally hundreds each week. I used to take enough tart shells for two or three days at a time; they kept crisp and fresh in big tin boxes, used frozen Michigan cherries. Finally I kept up with the demand. I bought two or three gallons of cherries at a time and made them into a cherry tart filling that tasted exactly like the filling of a regular cherry pie. It was thickened with quick-cooking tapioca, but it was never stiff like a pudding. This filling was kept on ice. The tart shells were filled to order, so the crust was

always crisp and delicious. And we topped them with whipped cream."

"I'm going to pass along your recipe in my column," I said. "But tell me, how did you come out at the end of the season?"

"I came out with a pocketful of money, but best of all, my health was completely restored. And you know, I discovered that Americans like simple, inexpensive foods if they taste good and are attractively served. And I believe anyone can be a good cook if they will put love and enthusiasm into their work."

Dinner

Mixed Hors d'Oeuvres
Baked Lima Beans
Baconed Corn Bread
Fried Tomato Slices
Buttered Onions
Cherry Tarts
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Baconed Corn Bread

Sift together ½ c. all-purpose flour, 1½ c. yellow cornmeal, 3 tsp. baking powder, ½ tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. salt and 1 tsp. sugar. Beat 1 egg. Add 1½ c. sour milk or buttermilk; pour into the dry ingredients (Do not beat). Meantime fry 2 or 3 strips bacon until crisp. Cut in dice. Add to the cornbread mixture together with ½ c. of the remaining bacon fat. Transfer to an oiled, heated square 8 in. pan. Bake at 425 F. 15 to 20 min. Serve very hot.

Buttered Onions

Peel 1½ lbs. mild sweet onions under cold water—(for comfort's sake!) Place in a sauce pan, add 1 tsp. salt, and pour in boiling water to almost cover. Put on a lid and boil 45 min. to an hr., or until tender but still crisp. (Or pressure cook 5 min. at 15 lbs.) Drain, and to the onions add 2 tbsp. butter or margarine and plenty of black pepper. Stand over a low heat until the seasonings are absorbed.

Piecrust

Roll plain piecrust to ¼ in. thickness. Then make into tart shells. To do this, fit the piecrust over good-sized inverted muffin pans; cut the edges off with a kitchen scissors. Frick in 3 places on the bottom to allow the steam to escape, so the piecrust will lie flat when baked. Bake 12 min. in a hot oven, 425 F. This will make around a dozen tart shells. Meantime make the cherry filling. Almost all the tart shells with it and top with a dab of whipped sweet cream.

Cherry Filling for Tarts: Heat 2 c. defrosted frozen cherries with enough cherry juice or apple juice to make 1 Add ¾ c. sugar and ¼ tsp. salt; bring to boiling point, then stir in 1½ tsp. quick-cooking tapioca. Simmer until clear. Add ¼ tsp. cinnamon or almond extract if desired, cool and use as directed.

Trick Of The Chef

To fringe celery, wash; cut in 4 inch lengths. Make five slits 1 inch deep in each end. Drop in cold water till it "curls."

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



WINTER SUNSHINE—On holiday at Cypress Gardens, Florida, Jane Strickland relaxes on the beach by dabbling with a sand castle.



THE BULLDOG BREED—Major Winston seems to be doing a lot of frowning over the cake offered him by Janet Sue Wharton at the specialty show of the Bulldog Club of America in White Plains, New York. Janet's father owns the dog.



STARTING YOUNG—These future ballerinas learn delicate pirouettes during outdoor classes at a children's ballet school in St Petersburg, Florida. The setting is perfect. What the future holds is uncertain, but now the youngsters have plenty of fresh air and sunshine.



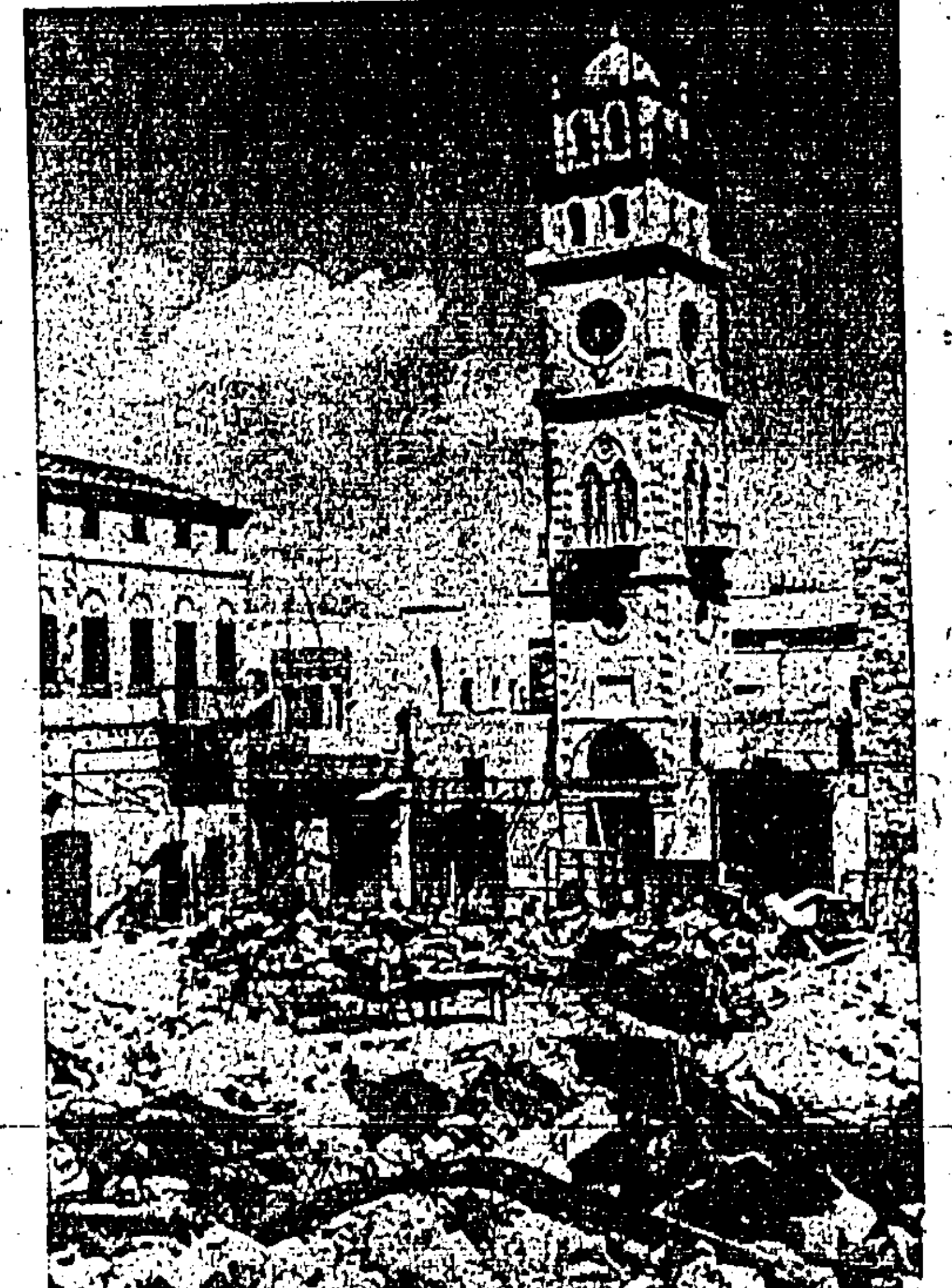
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LONG RANGE SPORTSMAN—Harold Siebens, of St Louis, pays his respects to San Francisco as he enters the sixth month of a planned two-year hunting trip which will eventually cover all North America. In his truck-of-all-trades, Siebens selects a shotgun as he prepares for a few rounds of clay pigeon shooting at the Pacific Rod and Gun Club.



MISS KARAKUL—Brief as it may be, actress Dee Gentner is pleased with her fine jacket of prized Karakul fur. A coat like this would make any girl smile.



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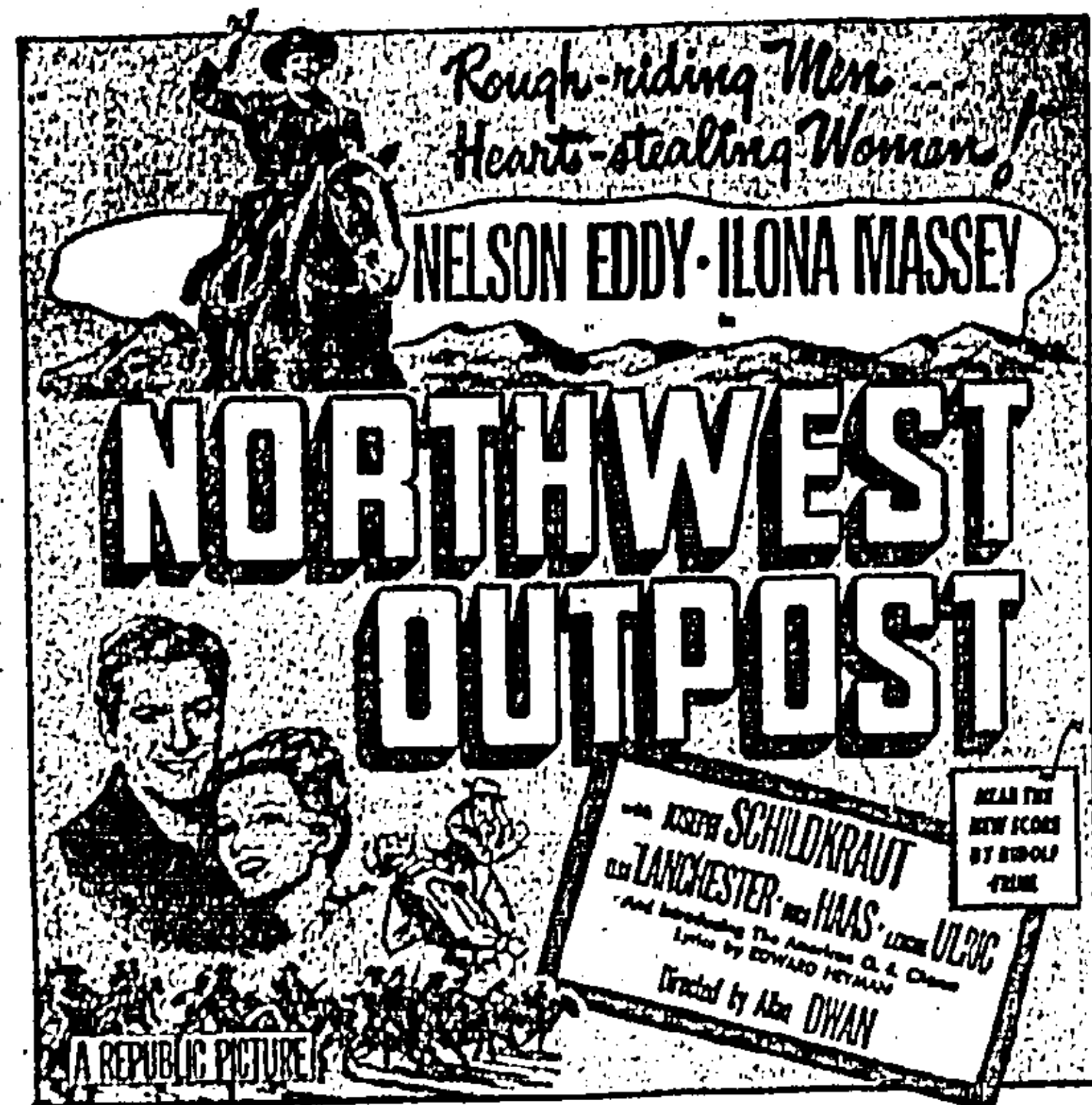
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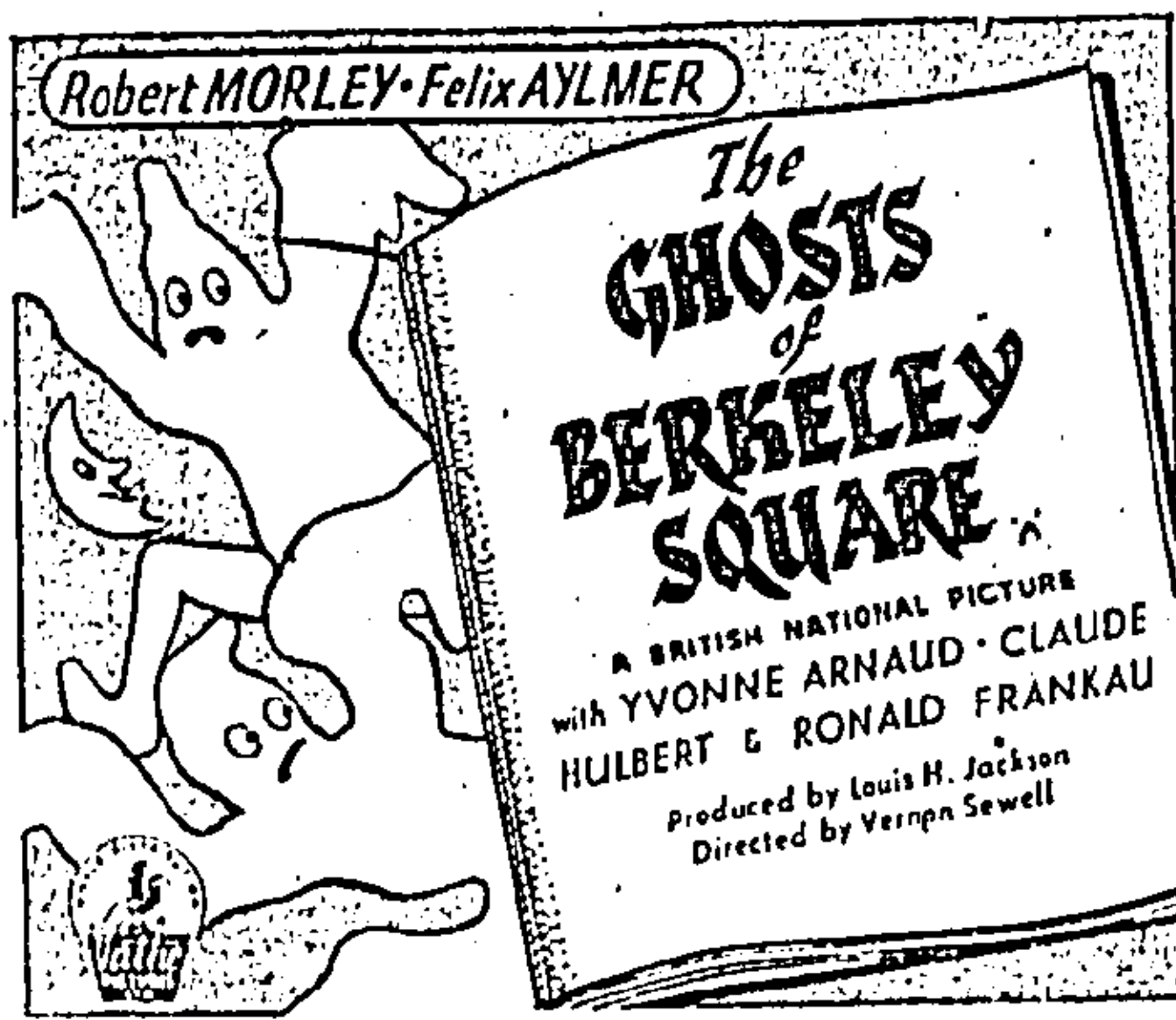
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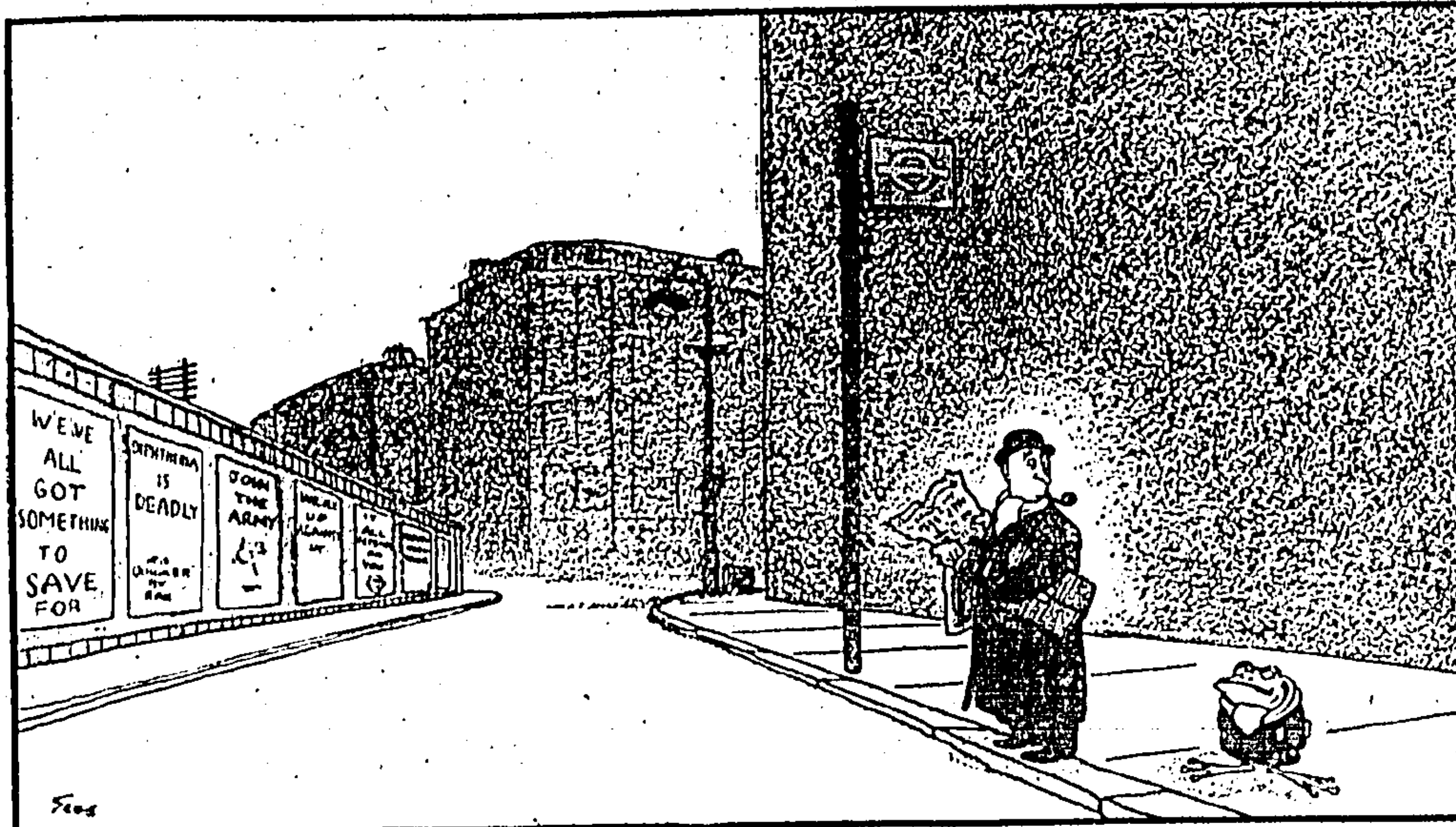
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EIGHTH INSTALMENT:

EISENHOWER WAS MY BOSS

By KAY SUMMERSBY

MOVING around again after my release from hospital, I found things had changed for the better at the front. And General Eisenhower had finally surrendered to Butch's perpetual suggestion, prompted by General Marshall's direct orders, that the Supreme Commander take better care of himself. He acquired the use of a villa—farm about 15 miles outside of Algiers—a secluded and rather run-down place which overlooked the sea and provided access to wooded land.

It was ideal for the horseback exercise General Marshall advised. General Arthur Wilson supplied the horseflesh. There were three of them, all Arab stallions, the first stallions I had ever ridden, chestnut in colour and with the peculiarly short ears and flowing mane and tail of Arab breeds.

The General and I went riding frequently. It was a treat for me because I had loved and known horses since childhood, and I enjoyed the jaunts with my Boss. He, for his part, learned to accept riding as a complete relaxation and, I suspect, welcomed the change from the ever-present military. Whenever we ran into troops in training, however, I kicked my horse and galloped away. Although the General was dressed in smart riding uniform, from mirror-bright old cavalry boots to an overseas hat sporting four stars, I had only an old shirt, and a pair of jodhpurs sent from the States. I looked the part of an Arab girl, and it embarrassed me to stick around and embarrass the General whenever he passed troops.

Duty permitting, we went out riding three or four times a week. Butch came along one day but retreated to Algiers half an hour later, muttering that he was a seafaring man. Peg Chase, an old friend from the Red Cross, was an occasional companion, as was Tex Lee.

Atabrine Nausea
When the atabrine treatment hit North Africa, the Germans could have walked through our lines without even a first sight or an unkind word. From the Supreme Commander down to the greenest back private and civilian, everyone took the first dose under direct orders. Line troops and headquarters staffs alike were laid so low with nausea that the dose was cut at once to half a pill every third day. I was among the victims, but only that once; thereafter, I took advantage of my unique civilian standing and secretly stuck to my bottle of quinine. I never had the slightest touch of malaria.

My same unique civilian status, however, led to trouble with the Royal Navy. It all began one night when Lieutenant Dampier, Flag Lieutenant to Admiral Cunningham, dined at my villa. He said, "I understand you play a good game of ping-pong. The Admiral would like you to come to dinner tomorrow night."

It was a strange invitation. I must be the only girl ever invited to dinner with an admiral because I play ping-pong. Naturally, I accepted. But the evening was complicated by an earlier invitation, which I had accepted, to attend the first party in the wardrobe of the Maidstone, mother ship for subs. That bid had come from Barney Fawkes, the charming British Navy captain who permitted us girls to bathe—secretly—aboard the Maidstone whenever our water supply at the villa failed. Barney also kept our spirits up on low evenings by having us down for luxurious Navy dinners. So I couldn't run out on that invitation.

In satiating compromise, I hurried down to the ship that next night to

join the other civilian girls. WAC's, nurses, and British WREN's in a quick drink before the Admiral's dinner at eight o'clock.

But an air raid sabotaged that plan. Sitting there in lovely Navy comfort, with amiable companions and a cool drink, I couldn't bring myself to brave bombs and shrapnel in order to be on time for Admiral Cunningham's dinner. Besides, I thought, I have the car at the dock-side and can make the trip in no time at all. I relaxed and stopped watching the clock.

The instant that raid ended, I hurried ashore—only to find a new catastrophe. The General's car resembled a refugee from a junkyard. Its glass windows were smashed, jagged and gaping; shrapnel had dented fenders and hood; the inside was littered with piles of debris, dust, salt water stains, even seaweed and seashells.

No More Women
A PASSING MP rushed me up to Admiral Cunningham's villa. I was more than two hours late, undoubtedly the first person who had so openly insulted him, socially, in his entire Navy career. Yet he listened to my tale of woe with interest and even sedate mirth. He didn't say much.

That next day I arranged to have the car repaired in a hurry, no one the wiser. But Barney Fawkes called to break sad news re ABC, as they always referred to Admiral Sir Andrew Browne Cunningham. "You couldn't have chosen worse time to be late for my dinner party, Kay," Barney chided.

"What's happened?" I asked. "Well, even though some of the chaps and several of the WREN's were late on watch because of the air raid, we might have got away with the party." He paused. "But your late arrival at the Admiral's place was the topper."

"We've had it, Kay. Old ABC has just put out an order: no more women aboard the Maidstone!"

For weeks, I was the butt of not-so-good-humored wisecracks from WAC's, WREN's, nurses, and the submarine boys. And I don't think I've been late to a dinner party since.

Victory Parade
ALL this doesn't mean that daily life in those early months of 1943 was a gay social whirl. Most of my days were taken up with driving. Sometimes it was a visiting general or VIP. More often it was General Eisenhower; too often, a trip to Constantine.

I came to hate that Red Ball conveyance with a deep, wild passion—the mud and the dust and the constant fear of air attack. "If we're ever attacked," I told the Boss one day, "don't wait for me to open the door for you. It's every man for himself, then!"

Things began to pick up. The Germans were forced off bloody Hill 600. Mateur was captured. On a trip forward I saw batches of Italian prisoners of war, happy and even jubilant that their war was over.

On May 20 we motored over to nearby Tunis for the magnificent victory parade, staged over General Eisenhower's objection, at French insistence. By a stroke of fate, I

stood on the platform with Monty, the man who didn't like women anywhere in his immediate vicinity. We all baked in the merciless heat, standing to the point of collapse, hour after hour.

Despite the white-hot heat, I was happy. The campaign was over. We had won. And Dick was safe—I thought.

For me, that strange late Spring was filled with the scent of orange blossoms. I couldn't smell the ordinary jasmine, the poppy fields; I could neither see nor hear the war being made ready against Mussolini. I expected to be married before June melted into the African summer.

Dick, now a full colonel, was in Oran with Second Corps headquarters. General Eisenhower not only wanted one of us at least several days' leave after our marriage, already approved by the Army after its usual ninety-day waiting period; he also offered, as a sort of reward from the war, the use of his little farm outside Algiers. We would have the full-fledged honeymoon in North Africa.

Dick arrived in Algiers the last week of May, en route to General Truscott's Third Division headquarters at Mateur. "I've got a command, at last," he told me. "Got what I always wanted, a regiment and actual field duty." With his West Point background and his impatience at headquarters routine, he was as thrilled with the new assignment as a newly commissioned second lieutenant.

Light and Shadow
WE had one day together. It was a wonderful day, thanks to General Eisenhower. He gave me time off, plus a special present. "I'll make it a point to go out somewhere this evening. You and Dick can take over the villa and be alone for once, with this wedding coming up, you must have a lot to talk about. Sergeant Hunt'll fix your dinner. And tell Dick he's to be my guest for the night." He grinned. "Have a good time!"

We did exactly that. Swimming in the afternoon, dinner for two at the Supreme Commander's villa, and an evening of excited plans for our marriage—all in blessed privacy, racket luxury in any army.

The next day, Dick left for Mateur and his new regiment.

I breezed through the next week or so. With the North African campaign over, Dick was safe, even at regiment level in a division. And with our wedding so near, I couldn't even worry about what his duty would mean in combat; war, a world of the present, doesn't encourage thoughts of the future. I knew only that I was in love, soon to be married, and very, very happy.

I heard back very quickly. But none of it belonged to my orange-blossom world. This light mood continued until one lovely June afternoon when I drove General Eisenhower up to his villa. My story chattered, I realized with a start, was going unanswered. He was quiet, unusually quiet for a man who, even during momentous operations, has the knack of storing away his worries and making small talk. So his strange muteness on this particular afternoon drove me

into similar silence. By the time we pulled in the narrow driveway, that silence was oppressive.

General Ike climbed out slowly, preoccupied. I left the motor running, ready to leave. But he called over his shoulder: "Won't you please come in Kay? I'd like to talk to you."

I followed him into the villa, on into the library, where he sat and motioned me to a chair. "Cigarette?" he offered me one. I took my head and lit one of my own.

He stared at the floor. "Kay," he said finally. "I don't know how to tell you this. I guess I better give it to you straight." He looked up and said, "Dick has been killed."

In one of war's tragic ironies, Dick was struck down after the actual campaign fighting was over, several weeks after the spectacular victory parade at Tunis. He had been with his new regiment less than a week.

Kindness Personified
INVESTIGATION showed that he and a friend of his, a captain, both engineers and intimately familiar with mines, had been walking across an area well-marked with the usual white mine tapes. Suddenly, the captain stumbled on a trip-wire. He was seriously wounded by the explosion. Dick was killed instantly.

General Truscott sent a personal message of condolence immediately, explaining the circumstances and offering his sincere sympathy. His note was dispatched right after the accident on June 5 but, because of those horrid examples of Army paper work, it was lost at AFHQ message centre for almost five full days. Then a colonel mentioned the fact to Butch and Tex, assuming they already knew. Butch rushed into General Eisenhower's office; the General shouldered the sad task of telling me, ever though weighed down with a million responsibilities connected with the imminent invasion of Pantelleria that very night. I realised something of his personal pain at bearing such news when Dick's kid brother, Bob, arrived in Oran and, by way of telling me, ever though weighed down with a million responsibilities connected with the imminent invasion of Pantelleria that very night. 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P.W.D. LARCENY TRIAL:

WITNESS DENIES
ALLEGATION
OF DISHONESTY

A suggestion that the witness had assisted in the commission of a fraud, if the allegations of the prosecution against Kwok Kwong were true, was made by Mr Percy Chen this morning, when he cross-examined Lam Yam, 48, master of the Cheong Hing electrical shop, No. 7 Mercer Street, at the continuation of the trial of two Public Works Department employees before Mr Justice Reynolds at the Criminal Sessions.

The witness denied that he had been dishonest, and said he had issued bills under his firm's name, although he had not done the business himself, merely for the sake of his friend.

Accused are Kwok Kwong, 47, foreman, and Austin Spary, 50, electrical inspector, Grade 1, both of the Public Works Department. They are charged on 12 counts of larceny by public servant, one of obtaining money by false pretences from the steward of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and one of conspiracy to defraud the Government of money.

Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Mr C. A. S. Russ, is prosecuting for Kwok, and Spary is represented by Mr V. J. L. D'Alton, instructed by Mr P. J. Griffiths. Appearing for the prosecution is Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Chief Insp. J. Johnston, and Det. Sub-Insps. D. G. MacPherson, of the Special Branch. The Jury empanelled comprises four men and three women.

When the trial resumed this morning, Mr D'Alton continued his cross-examination of Oleg Eugene Julebin, 22, a former employee of Cathay Pacific Airways at Kai Tak, who had deposed to work done on certain of the firm's installations in 1947 and 1948.

Julebin was questioned on his personal history. He said he was a Russian and had arrived with his parents from Manchuria when he was four years old. He had received his education in Hongkong and after leaving school, joined the Dairy Farm as a supervisor, but later left that job and joined the Hongkong Police. He was a policeman for nine months, and then joined the Cathay Pacific Airways. He had since left the C.P.A. because he had found a better job.

Mr D'Alton: There was no question that C. P. A. got rid of you?

Witness: No. You agree that in the space of four years you have changed your job four times?—Yes. In respect to the telephone conversation that Mr Harris was alleged to have had with Spary, where did this take place?—In the office at Kai Tak.

You were not present when Mr Harris was at the telephone?—I was in an adjoining room, and I could see him.

You heard nothing of the conversation?—No.

Witness added that after putting down the telephone receiver, Harris came to him and asked him to take down the conversation that had taken place over the wire with Spary. Witness recorded the conversation as it was dictated by Harris.

Re-examined by Mr Hooton, Julebin said that when he saw Charles M. Rowe, an electrical engineer of C. P. A., showing Au Pui, a P.W.D. charman, where certain plugs were to be placed, the positions had already been marked when witness arrived on the scene. Asked if there was any lapse of time from the moment Harris put down the receiver till the time he appeared in his office, Julebin said there was a very short interval. In reply to a question by the jury as to how the witness said he knew Kwok Kwong, Julebin said that Kwok's face was familiar, but he could not say where he had seen the man before.

WITNESS RECALLED

Lam Yam, 48, master of the Cheong Hing electrical shop, No. 7 Mercer Street, who had given evidence on Monday regarding the issuing of certain bills on paper bearing his firm's name, was recalled for cross-examination by Defence Counsel.

Questioned by Mr Chen, witness said he had 20 years' experience in the electrical trade, but had never been employed by the P.W.D. His shop was established 23 years ago, and he had carried on business as usual during the Japanese occupation of Hongkong. He obtained his materials from shops which had plenty of stock, and he never purchased any looted materials.

Witness said he did not know Au Pui or any other charge-men employed by the P.W.D. at either the Hung Hom or Wanchai workshops, with the exception of the first accused and Tong Chuen.

Mr Chen: You don't think it is healthy to know them, is that right?

Witness: That is a fact.

Can't you name one man employed in the Wanchai workshop whom you know?—Don't know myself trying to remember.—No.

Not a single man?—I only know Lung Chuen, but he is only a common workman.

You know the P.W.D. employs 400 electricians?—I don't know.

And that they recruit these electricians from among all the electricians in the Colony?—Yes.

But still you say you only know Kwok Kwong, Tong Chuen and Lung Chuen among them all?—Yes.

I put it to you that what you are saying is not true?—I am telling the truth.

I put it to you that you not only know, but you make it your business to know, people in the P.W.D. like Au

Pui, Ko Lin, Ho Ting, Kam Wing, Chui Cheong, and Leung Ping?—No. You don't know these men are P.W.D. charge-men?—No.

And you don't know that Ho Ting is the foreman at Wanchai?—I have heard his name before, but I have never talked to him.

Do you know that Tong Chuen, Leung Ping, Au Pui and Kam Wing were arrested and charged at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court?

Yes. I put it to you that you are friendly with these men and you know them perfectly well?—That is not correct.

MEMBER OF GUILD

Is there a guild of electricians in Hongkong and Kowloon? Are you a member of that guild?—Yes.

Do the P.W.D. electricians belong to that guild as well?—I don't know because I am not a member of the Committee.

That is not an answer. Do you know whether any of the P. W. D. electricians are members of that guild?—I have never been to the guild myself.

You know what sort of a reputation you have among your fellow guildmen?—I know nothing about that.

Do you know that they don't like your methods of business and that you bring disrepute upon the guild by your business methods?—No.

Do you know that they complain that you sell your goods at uneconomical prices?—My business deals mainly with work and I very seldom sell materials.

But when you supply materials you supply them at very uneconomical prices?—I can obtain materials from the wholesalers with great care and with such materials at cheap prices.

Yes. They think you buy your goods too cheaply, far too cheaply.—That I don't know.

In other words they think that you came by your goods in a dishonest manner?—How do they know I charge too cheaply?

I will come to that bit later. Tell us, now, your frank opinion of yourself as a business man?—I do say I am honest.

You agree that you were a sharp young man?—I was able to establish my business when I was young because I knew some good customers then.

You came from the village a farm-boy when you were 19, didn't you?—Yes.

Then you went to work for Kwong Yick and two or three other firms?—Yes.

And then you stole their customers?—No.

Oh, no. You are an honest man?—Yes.

You consider yourself a credit to your guild?—I am a member.

You won't be for long probably.—Originally I was a member of the electrical merchants' guild, but when the workmen were canvassing for members for their guild, I joined.

That's about one of the first truthful things you have said. How many members are there in this electrical merchants' guild?—I don't know.

Let's come back to the question of your honesty. You say you are an honest man?—Yes.

Now, that means to say you don't think falsifying your books is dishonest?—When a firm has made out a bill, that firm must enter its into its account books. If that is not done it would affect taxing purposes of the Inland Revenue Department.

Never mind that. Do you think it is honest to make false entries into your books?—I did this only for my friend.

I am not asking you your motive. Is it honest or dishonest?—When I made that entry I took it to be a proper entry.

Don't waste time. Is it honest or dishonest to make a false entry in that book?—Answer. Say it is dishonest and get it over.

Mr Justice Reynolds: Mr Chen, I think it is a matter on which the Jury might very well draw their own conclusion.

Mr Chen: He might say it is honest, my Lord. I want an answer to the question.

Mr Justice Reynolds: (To witness): You are being asked whether it is honest or not, that's all.

"I AM HONEST"

Witness: I am honest myself.

Mr Chen: Are you honest because you really supplied these goods?

Witness: I did not supply them. Here (Counsel indicates bills made out on Cheong Hing paper) you say that you supplied them?—I was making out these bills on behalf of Kwok Kwong.

You were committing a fraud?—No.

You were an accomplice?—No. He told me that he had someone who did this work and he asked me to make out these bills.

And you assisted him to commit this fraud, is that right?—No, I did not agree to commit any fraud. When he asked me to make out the bills for him I said his friend was doing proper business.

These bills said that you did the business. Do you know it is a fraud to make an entry into your

U.S. WOMEN TOLD HOW
NOT TO BE WIDOWS

Chicago, Jan. 10.—A special's in the problems of old age said today that the average American woman could look forward to spending eight years of her life as a widow.

Dr Edward Silegitz said that the average American woman marries a man five years older than herself who is likely to live three years less than she will.

"This is one of the facts that people have to face to solve the problems of old age," he said.

But, George Lawton, a consulting psychologist, argued that because "women are stronger" they should help their men live longer and should marry men younger than themselves.

"They should get up in buses and give their seats to men. This, and marrying younger men, would remove one of their problems of old age—those eight years of widowhood," said Lawton. — United Press.

Close Watch Over US
Consulate In Mukden

Peiping, Jan. 10.—The American Consulate staff in Red-held Mukden is under the closest surveillance of any foreign diplomatic group in the Manchurian city, according to a detailed report given by a traveller who has just returned to Peiping.

This traveller, who feared public use of his name, confirmed that the Red administration had cut electric, light and water supply to the American and British Consulates and that armed guards were stationed outside both places.

Both the American and Chinese staff of the American Consulate are confined either to their offices or residence, but only the British staff in the British Consulate are so confined, with the Chinese staff moving about freely.

This man stated that he had spent almost a month getting to Peiping from Mukden, travelling partly by truck and partly by foot. The only trouble he had on his way was from one group of children "road guards" who had demanded from him the Communist "road pass."

Since the restoration of Communications with the countryside, food in Mukden has been plentiful and cheap. The official rate of the American dollar was 75,000 Red "Bank of Manchuria" dollars to US\$1—a reasonable rate in terms of local prices.

All high government, police and public utilities officials are Reds, but many lower ranking government employees have retained their jobs. The source said there were some Koreans with the Chinese Red forces.

The discipline of the Red troops, very few of whom are actually in Mukden, was good.

There were no anti-American and anti-British slogans around the city, but there was plenty of anti-American and anti-British propaganda in the Red Press. A curfew is enforced from 6 p.m. to dawn. Factories are working again, but generally only on a part time basis. — United Press.

REPUBLICANS
ATTACK

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The United Nations Good Offices Committee of three today requested facilities to visit the Republican leaders detained by the Dutch on Banka Island, off Sumatra.

The Dutch authorities have told correspondents here that though the Committee will not be prevented from visiting Banka, to where there is a frequent air service, no facilities will be given to correspondents to meet the Republican leaders.

The Dutch added that a formal press conference with the detained leaders may be permitted soon.

Important decisions about the place of the Republicans in the Dutch-planned Interim Federal Government of Indonesia are expected at a meeting tonight of the heads of the Federal States or their representatives. — Reuter.

books on facts which are not true?—I did not know that by so doing it was a fraud.

How do you think you are going to keep out of jail?—I made these entries.

I said how do you think you are going to keep out of jail?

Mr Justice Reynolds: He says he has not committed any fraud, Mr Chen. Show him first what crime he has committed and then test him.

Mr Chen (to witness): Don't you realize you are an accomplice if what they allege against Kwok Kwong is true?

Mr Justice Reynolds: I don't know whether that's a fair question, either, Mr Chen. If what he says is correct, he might not be an accomplice at all if he believes that this was an honest transaction. It was true that Kwok Kwong was the man and the witness knew of what he had done, then he would be an accomplice.

Mr Chen: He might be an accomplice. Let's put it that way. Witness: I am not an accomplice. He told me he was doing proper business.

Did the Police ever threaten to prosecute you?—No. I was merely sent for to make statements.

Have you any bona-fide entries in these books of yours?—With the exception of these all the other entries are bona-fide.

I don't believe you when you say they are genuine. Can you bring the vouchers you must have filed away to prove this? Can you do that?—The only thing I can produce as proof is to get back the bills from the customers.

That's good proof. Get back the bills or produce the duplicates.

Mr Justice Reynolds: Do you keep duplicates of your bills?

Witness: No. The references in these books are as good as duplicates.

Mr Chen: That's what you think. Witness: If there are no references in these books there is no necessity to keep duplicates.

The trial is proceeding.

Film Star
Guilty On
Drug Charge

Hollywood, Jan. 10.—The film star Robert Mitchum and two co-defendants were found guilty today of conspiracy to possess marijuana, and ordered to appear for sentence on February 9.

The defence rested without presenting evidence immediately after the prosecution had finished reading a transcript of testimony given before the Grand Jury.

Lila Leeds, actress, and Robin Ford, real estate agent, were found guilty with Mitchum in the brief, non-jury trial. Dancer Vickie Evans' bail was declared "forfeited" when she failed to appear for trial.

When the three appear for the probation hearing and sentence next month, a second count charging them with possession of marijuana will be also disposed of. Minimum sentence possible on each count would be 90 days in jail.

A yelling crowd greeted Mitchum as he walked from the court and most of the spectators tried to crowd into the lift he entered. The operator had to push them out before he could start.

Mitchum declined to comment on the judge's ruling. — United Press.

ANGLO-ISRAELI
DISPUTE LATEST

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It is not known whether their embarkation was expedited by the Middle East events. They were due to move to Sayid, at the head of the Gulf of Suez, early in January.

The acting Palestine Mediator, Dr Ralph Bunche, is flying from New York to Rhodes, where the Israeli-Egyptian armistice talks are to begin on January 12. He will be joined by a party of United Nations experts from Hulla. — Reuter.

TO RELEASE PILOTS

Haifa, Jan. 10.—A well informed source told Reuter tonight that the two British pilots held by the Jews when their planes were shot down on Saturday—Flying Officer McElhew and Pilot Officer Frank Harvey—would be allowed to leave Israel for Britain.

Israel's attitude on the incident, the source said, was that she did not consider Britain a belligerent country participating in the Palestine war, and therefore, after securing the necessary evidence, saw no reason to detain the pilots—provided they returned to England and not to Egypt. — Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Oh, yes, he talks! But all we've ever made out is 'Gloppburg'—he probably has heard us mention the town where we spent our vacation!"

Meaning Of
Moratorium
Questioned

The question of the meaning of the word moratorium was raised before Mr Justice Wicks at the Supreme Court this morning in a moneylending case.

Plaintiff was Surjan Singh, of 12 Percival Street, who claimed \$513.50 from Leung Shin-tak and Leung Shin-man, clerks of the Hongkong and China Gas Company, being the balance of principal and interest due to him under a joint and several promissory note dated July 3, 1941.

At the previous hearing defendants were absent but Singh stated that the whole amount had been paid to him by them.

His Lordship did not accept the terms of settlement named by Singh and ordered the money to be paid into Court.

This morning, Mr C. A. S. Russ, for the plaintiff, referring to the moratorium after the reoccupation said that it depended on the exact wording of the Debtor and Creditor Ordinance, which simply did not provide for the post-occupation period up to the end of the moratorium.

His Lordship remarked that moratorium was such a new conception that it was not defined in the legal dictionary.

Mr Russ said he thought moratorium came from some Latin word and obviously meant suspension or a truce.

His Lordship: The Latin word means "stuck for the time being."

Mr Russ: Whatever the moratorium is, my submission is that it merely suspends the recovery of money, through the Courts, of course, for the time being, Stanley Camp transactions have been settled because the people felt it was the right thing to do and a wise thing to do before the moratorium was lifted. The legislation specifically deals with the interest on debts covered by the moratorium but does not deal with the after occupation period. It deals with the question of payment of interest, which is a very important point. The submission I make is that where you get statute or ordinance restricting Common Law rights it is to be construed strictly in favour of Common Law rights. It is unfair that a private individual, at his or her own expense, should be compelled to seek decisions of Courts because the legislature is so worded that the ordinary competent practitioner cannot decide what it means. Interpretation of too progressive a nature is undesirable for the construction of statutes. This is part of the duty of the Government and not of the Courts.

Mr Russ added that before the occupation of the Colony, the Hongkong Bank paid one percent to every depositor who had more than \$1,000 in the bank for one month. During interment the Bank did not pay one cent on balances "and if we were to sue them for four percent during that period they then, of course, would apply to the Court for an originating summons and say that it is against public policy that they should pay during that period. So it is not worth while for a few hundred pounds to start a test action against a wealthy body like the Bank."

His Lordship: What happened during the three-year interval after 1945?

Mr Russ replied that he had only just come into the case and had no time to make any research.

His Lordship reserved judgment until Friday at 11.30 a.m.

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Diplomatic Missions To
Be Exchanged

New Delhi, Jan. 10.—India and Eire are to open diplomatic relations and exchange diplomatic representatives. It was officially announced today.

A communique was issued, stating: "To maintain friendly relations already existing between them, the Government of India and the Government of Eire agreed to exchange diplomatic missions."

United Press.

Real (London Relay): 10.15, Weather Report; 10.15, Beethoven's Last Quartet; 10.15, No. 15 in A Minor, Op. 132; 10.15, With Introductory Talk by the Hon. Father R. F. Ryan S.J.; 11, Gypsy Music; 11.15, Weather Report and Close Down.

Taiwan's New Governor Has Tricky Job Ahead Economic Problems

Taipei, Taiwan, Jan. 10.—This island may be "China's richest province," but . . .

If, as is commonly believed here, the Chinese government takes refuge here from a Communist-dominated mainland, it will move in on an insular economy which has been trying to pull itself up by its own bootstraps out of wartime wreckage and neglect.

The bootstraps have just been yanked from the hands of Dr Wei Tao-ming, the outgoing governor, and handed to his successor, General Chen Cheng. How the new governor will take hold of them, and which way he will pull, is a question the people of this strategic island are waiting to have answered.

Here's a vest-pocket picture of what he is walking into: Taiwan's main tangible riches at present are the labour of 6,000,000 Taiwanese, who work a good soil in a good climate. They get two rice crops a year, with a third one of tobacco in the winter.

This takes fertilizer. Taiwan got none during the war except the little she produced herself, and could use 300,000 tons a year to restore her soil. Last year she got 70,000 tons, and that was half of China's entire quota under international arrangements.

BIGGER RICE PRODUCTION
Rice production is now getting back to where there is a surplus, but Dr Wei says it has been achieved only through strenuous efforts to reclaim land with expanded diking and irrigation works. The wild rivers of Taiwan, fed by torrents of rain which swell them into destructive flash floods, need more than diking. Extensive check-damming is needed up in the jungle-covered mountains if their flow is to be spread out over longer periods. Engineers say such conservation dams could be part of a hydro-electric system which could produce 3,000,000 kilowatts of power each year—if there were money and materials to build with, which there isn't.

Actually Taiwan now has about 125,000 kilowatts of power, and this is something of an achievement. American bombs pin-pointed on transformer and relay stations during the war knocked out all but 10,000 kilowatts. The rebuilding job has been taken priority over new construction.

NOT MUCH COAL
If present plans are realized the power output may be up to 150,000 kilowatts in three years, but according to American experts at least 200,000 kilowatts are needed before government monopolies leave anything for the motors and furnaces of private industries.

Meanwhile, there is not much coal, and what there is can be used for industrial purposes only with expense and difficulty.

Another economic bottleneck is the railway system, which the Japanese let slide during the war. In spite of worn out equipment and tracks, it is hauling more people and goods in more time than ever before, according to Dr Wei.

Still another rock in the path of economic recovery is the harbour situation—again neglected and damaged during the war, and also suffering from silting. The main harbours are jammed with normal shipping and with the new burden of refugee people and materials from the mainland. Some minor anchorages have silted up entirely.

TRADE SITUATION
The foreign trade situation is not good. Against great needs in fertilizer for agriculture and equipment for industry, Taiwan can offer her small rice surplus, some sugar, some pineapple, camphor, tea and items like lighting poles for American sportsmen.

There are bugs even in this picture. Taiwan sugar must be produced at the expense of rice production, and cannot compete on world markets with Japanese sugar, according to Dr Wei. Camphor cannot undersell the synthetic American product for some purposes. The pineapple is good but one year the government monopoly asked too much for it and

lost an entire crop when no takers appeared. American lumber, from hardwoods in the lowlands, to standard soft construction grades high up in the mountains. Yet the Japanese-built logging railways and overhead cable lines stretching up into the green hills are in such bad shape that houses in Taipei are being built of hardwood, which also is being cut for railway ties, which are very scarce. Meanwhile, there has been no extensive reforestation since 1939, although some is being resumed at present.

CURRENCY COLLAPSES
Such factors result in an adverse trade balance of unknown size, but with the inflationary pull from the mainland. It has dragged Taiwan's separate Taiwan yen down in a single year from 2,000 to one U.S. dollar, to 31,000 to 1 as the year ended.

Taiwanese, private Chinese businessmen, and American observers get most discouraged, however, when they talk about the methods of the Chinese government monopolies which control the worthwhile productive wealth and distribution machinery. "Operation Bootstrap" has been a continual fight with the National Resources Commission. One American expert who has surveyed the scene thoroughly, "It has been waged for scarce materials and productive resources."

"There is little co-ordination between the groups," he goes on. "Apparently they have no feeling they are both working for the same outfit."

"You'll find a factory shut down because of some missing item—yet a short distance away there may be another factory making exactly that item but refusing to give it up to the factory that needs it."

REDUNDANT EMPLOYEES
"Most of the monopoly organizations appear to have twice as many people working in their offices as the Japanese had in the same or comparable organizations. You get the impression that the monopolies exist to provide jobs as much as for anything else," this observer continues.

"Governor Wei has not been able to do much about it because he inherited most of his staff from his predecessor, the first postwar governor, General Chen Yi. He has had to concentrate on repairing the political damage among the Taiwanese which was done during Chen's regime."

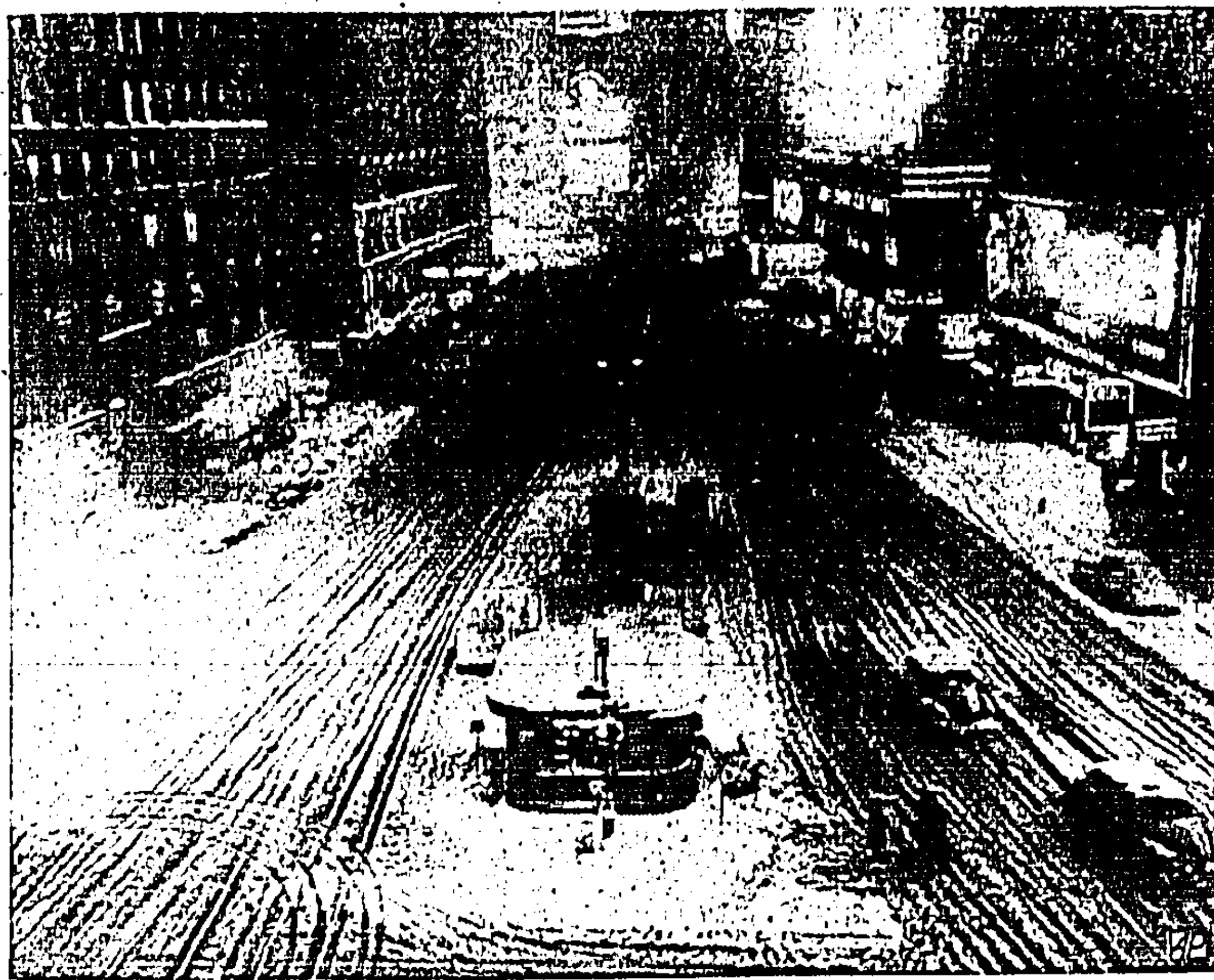
"Now we're getting another general for a governor, and the whole island is waiting to see what will happen."—Associated Press.

COSTLY WHITE HOUSE REPAIRS

Washington, Jan. 10.—The cost of repairs to the White House jumped from the original estimate of \$55,000,000 to \$54,000,000, it was disclosed today.

The President's new budget revealed that the repair estimates quadrupled as architects and engineers dug deeper into the interior of the executive mansion, examining walls and ceiling beams. The old structure is in much worse shape than was originally believed.

—United Press.



Nationalism Raising Its Ugly Head Again In Germany

Berlin, Jan. 10.—General Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor in Germany, warned today that Nazi-minded Nationalistic groups are again raising their heads in Germany.

In his monthly report for November, he said democratic German leaders were becoming uneasy over the revival of nationalistic groups. "Although these groups are as yet small; democratic German leaders recall with uneasiness that until 1929 National Socialism was itself a negligible movement," he said.

One of these movements is a revival of Otto Strasser's infamous "Black Front" under the seemingly innocuous name of "the League for German Revival." Strasser, a Nazi leader expelled from the party in 1930 because he had taken its socialist plans too seriously, formed a right-wing radical movement, the Black Front.

He went into exile in 1933 and his brother, Gregor, onetime No. 2 Nazi, was murdered in the Hitler purge of June 1934.

Otto Strasser, who is now living in Canada, is reported to be planning to return to Germany next March. His followers assembled at Friedberg, Bavaria, on November 21 and there organized the League.

RECOGNITION REFUSED
The programme of the League rejects both capitalism and Communism and advocates what it calls "solidarity." Its application for recognition as a political movement has been rejected by the United States Military Government.

"The second of these groups is the National Democratic Party, which held a meeting at Stuttgart on November 20. Though his party's platform seemed merely conservative, its nationalistic tendencies became clear when Dr Heinrich Leuchters, its chairman in Land, told the meeting that it demanded the re-establishment of the German Reich within its former boundaries, could not tolerate the Oder-Neisse frontier and the cession of Eastern Germany to Poland and Russia and protested against the separation of the Saar."

On the subject of the Berlin Municipal elections in December, General Clay said: "Despite the implied Soviet promises of an immediate improvement of standards, especially heating in the Western sectors, despite the persistent Communist propaganda charging the Western powers with responsibility for the Berlin blockade, and notwithstanding the threats of retaliation, West Berliners in a surprising large vote turned out overwhelmingly to express their confidence in the Western Allies and in the leadership of their own political parties, thereby categorically rejecting the Communist bid for power."—Reuter.

BAN ON BOOKS

Berlin, Jan. 10.—The British Military Governor, General Sir Brian Robertson, today banned the importation of any Soviet-licensed newspaper, film, book or other German language publication into the British Zone of Germany.

Today's order was similar to the ban decreed by General Robertson on November 10 but in a revised form intended to give the ban a tighter legal basis and close the loopholes through which Soviet-licensed publications have been leaking through.

In an appendix to the order, it was stated that this action followed a recent Soviet order prohibiting the distribution of British-licensed literature in the Soviet Zone.

The order does not exclude Soviet-licensed editions of standard school works. Technical magazines, scientific books and other publications of a utilitarian or strictly non-partisan nature will be allowed. The United States military authorities have similar restrictive orders covering their Zone. They apply to all Soviet-licensed publications irrespective of their nature.—Reuter.

British Policy On Indonesia Awaited

Washington, Jan. 10.—Diplomatic observers in Washington, awaiting an early British pronouncement of more positive policy on Indonesia, hoped tonight that it would allay some of the anti-Western sentiment recently developed in Asia.

Great importance was attached to the week-end conference between Mr Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, and the Dominion representatives who, it was believed, might have persuaded Mr Bevin to press for liberal Dutch concessions.

The utmost significance was also attached to the forthcoming New Delhi conference, called by the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru. It was felt that a clear and united Western policy was needed before Mr Attlee and his cabinet could avoid a heightening of the anti-Western feeling.

INDIA'S ROLE

India is destined to play an important and decisive role in East-West relations, it was recognised here. This was reflected today by the syndicated newspaper columnist, Mr Walter Lippmann.

"We would be well advised to enter into intimate consultation with Mr Nehru about our whole course in China and Indonesia," Mr Lippmann wrote.

He pointed out that in consulting Mr Nehru, "the greatest figure in Asia," the United States would "find ourselves in harmony with the Australians, who are surely among our dependable friends, as well as with Mr Attlee and the wisest markers of modern British policy."

He asked a question common in diplomatic quarters: Where is the United States to look for allies while China, Holland and France have shown they are unable to play the role that was expected of them?

"As the only great power that has never become the imperial ruler of subject peoples, it is felt that the United States now, by wise policies, can do much to restore the prestige of the West lost in the war with Japan," he added.

MOST PRECIOUS ASSET

"Our most precious asset in Asia is our ability to persuade the people of Asia that there is a nation in the Western World more powerful than the Soviet Union which sympathizes with their struggle for independence and has no wish to exploit it."

"Our friends in Western Europe should try to understand why we cannot and must not be manoeuvred why we dare not drift into general opposition to the movements for independence in Asia."

"They should try to realise how disastrous it would be to them and to the cause of Western civilisation if ever it could be said that the Western Union for the defence of freedom in Europe was in Asia a syndicate for the preservation of a decadent empire."—Reuter.

WINTER IN TIMES SQ.

Times Square, New York, often called the crossroads of the world, had no traffic problems as a wind-driven storm which blanketed America's largest city with more than 17 inches of snow slowed surface travel to near standstill and kept pedestrians off the streets. —AP Picture.

POCKET CARTOON



"Apart from that, sergeant, nothing to report."

POLAND TO REDISTRIBUTE DOCTORS

Warsaw, Jan. 10.—Poland has ordered a re-distribution of her medical talent.

Physicians are being shifted by government order from districts which have a surplus of medical services to those where doctors are few.

The Ministry of Health says Poland now has 8,400 physicians, compared with a pre-war 13,000. It said almost 40 percent of physicians practise in large cities while in some provinces, such as Warsaw, Kielce and Rzeszow, there is an average of less than two physicians to each 10,000 inhabitants. The Bialystok province in Northeastern Poland has only 1.2 doctors for each 10,000 of population. On the other hand, the city of Krakow has 25 doctors for each 10,000 people.

The Health Ministry said it is compelling doctors to join in Social Health Services to raise the general standard of medical care.

The Ministry added that a re-distribution of doctors would have to be carried out. Physicians will have the right to choose where they shall practise from a list of localities proposed by the Ministry.—Associated Press.

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Australian Govt. To Run A New Fleet

Sydney, Jan. 11.—The Labour Government is "getting on its feet" again to begin another shipbuilding line. It plans a fleet for overseas and interstate of about 40 ships, 23 owned and 17 chartered under the Australian Shipping Board. The Prime Minister, Mr Joseph Chifley, has denied that this is "nationalisation of shipping," but explained that the Commonwealth fleet will compete with private companies.

This is the second Commonwealth government-owned line. Australia's World War I Prime Minister, William Morris Hughes, set up the first line in 1916 to move Australian primary produce overseas. It stopped in 1928 after operating at a great loss.

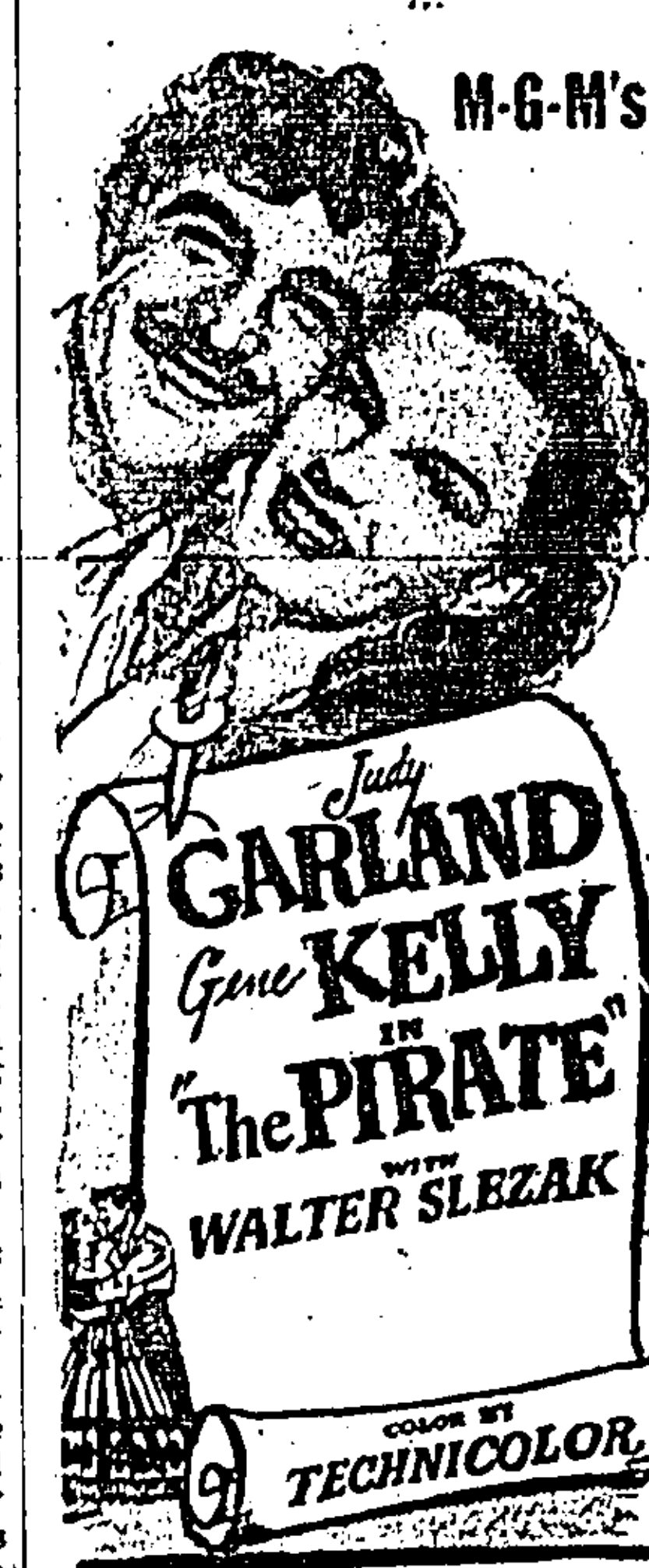
Introducing the second reading of the shipping bill which is expected to become law early this year, the Fuel and Shipping Minister, Mr W. P. Ashley, said the line would first operate in coastal and island trade only. He is confident that the line will make a profit, not being crippled with the disadvantages facing the earlier line.—United Press.

"Go Slow" Work By Germans

Hamburg, Jan. 10.—With British officers and German police standing by, a handful of Germans today resumed dismantling the huge steel works at Bochum, in the Ruhr, but appeared to do little more than loosen a few nuts and bolts. Chained signs saying: "Hands off dismantling" on the walls of the smith's shop greeted the workmen, who were employed by an Essen contractor.

Some of the men refused to begin work and others adopted a "go slow" policy. They were told by British officers that those who refused would be prosecuted for disobeying Military Government orders, copies of which were handed to the workmen and the contractor. The management and men of the steel works had earlier refused to make preparations for the dismantling, against which they had appealed to President Truman.—Reuter.

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